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Hon. Richard M. Berman United States District Judge United States District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street, Courtroom 17B New York, New York 10007 USDC SDNY
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Re: <u>USA v. Felix Jose Valerio</u> 21 Cr. 740 (RMB)

## Dear Judge Berman:

As the Court is aware, I am the CJA-appointed counsel for Felix Jose Valerio the defendant in the above captioned matter. I write to request an adjournment of the defense's sentencing submission and sentencing hearing as I have been out of the office due to an illness since Monday April 11, 2022, and I do not know when I will return. In light of this, I am requesting a one-week adjournment.

At the Change of Plea Hearing, before Your Honor held on January 27, 2022, the following scheduling was set forth by the Court:

- Defense submission due Monday April 18, 2022;
- Government submission due Monday April 25, 2022; and
- Sentencing to take place on Thursday May 5, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

I am now proposing the following schedule:

- Defense submission due Monday April 25, 2022;
- Government submission due Monday May 2, 2022; and
- Sentencing to take place the week of May 9th

As for a proposed sentencing date the Government and Defense counsel are available all-day Monday May 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup> except from 12:00pm – 1:30pm. The Government is unavailable all day on May 10, 12, and 13.

This is the first request for an adjournment. The parties consent to the above proposed schedule.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to my office.

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Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

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SO ORDERED: Date: 4//3/22

Richard M. Berman, U.S.D.J.